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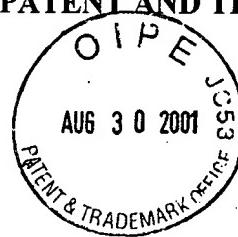
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Steinhoff et al.**

Serial No.: **09/498,677**

Filed: **February 7, 2000**

For: **BI-DIRECTIONAL ESD PROTECTION CIRCUIT**



Docket: **TI-29599**

Examiner: **Mondt, J.**

Art Unit: **2826**

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*Elizabeth A. Austin*  
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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination.

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 14-20 without prejudice.

Add new claims 21-45 as follows:

21. (New) A circuit, comprising:

- A1  
a first terminal;  
a second terminal;  
a third terminal;  
a device having a current path coupled between the first and second terminals;

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Total Claims	38	Minus	20	18	x \$18 =	\$ 324.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	2	0	x \$80 =	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMOUNT						\$ 324.00

Charge the total additional fee, and any further fees, or credit overpayment to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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